

**EO-1559**

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN DOCKET NO. AB-290 (SUB-NO. 318X)  
AND DOCKET NO. AB-1059X**

**December 17, 2010**

**ABANDONMENT TYPE**

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

☒ ( X ) Notice of Exemption   ☐ ( ) Petition for Exemption   ☐ ( ) Regulated Abandonment

☒ ( X ) **NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED**

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The Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) served an EA for this proceeding on November 10, 2010 for public review and comment. In the EA, OEA recommended two environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment.

**Comments on the EA**

No comments were received on the EA.

**Modifications to the EA**

OEA is not making any modifications to the EA.

## **Conclusions**

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, OEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA should be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that could disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall retain its interest in and take no steps to alter the historic integrity of all historic properties including sites, buildings, structures, and objects within the project right-of-way (the Area of Potential Effect) that are eligible for listing or listed in the National Register of Historic Places until the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, has been completed. Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall report to the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) regarding any consultations with Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division (the State Historic Preservation Office or SHPO) and the public. Norfolk Southern Railway Company may not file its consummation notice or initiate any salvage activities related to abandonment (including removal of tracks and ties) until the Section 106 process has been completed and the Board has removed this condition.

If the above conditions are imposed, OEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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